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For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING AND USING COMPOUNDS THAT **INACTIVATE HIV-1 AND OTHER** RETROVIRUSES BY ATTACKING HIGHLY CONSERVED ZINC FINGERS IN THE VIRAL NUCLEOCAPSID **PROTEIN**

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 16, 2003 on the abovereferenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.